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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**5 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VIRTUALIZING A SERIAL PORT IN A
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM**

10 A method, apparatus, and computer implemented
instructions for redirecting a data stream within a data
processing system. In response to detecting a request
from a terminal, a signal is sent to a hardware switch to
redirect the data stream from the first port to a
processor. The data stream is packetized for
15 transmission over a second port. The packetized data
stream is sent by the processor to a destination over the
second port.